

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
White Rox Chemical - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial
White Rox Chemical
A275
Phillipsburg, NJ
Latitude: 40.6821000 Longitude: -75.1836800

To: David Weigert, DOJ

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Date: 6/21/2011

Reporting Period: 5-19/26-2011

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A275	Contract Number:	EP-S2-10-01
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	5/19/2011	Start Date:	5/19/2011
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	NJC200400786	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	Yes
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

1.1.2 Site Description

The Site is located within a mix of residential and commercial properties. Less than one block from the site is an elementary school and senior living center. The Site is approximately 5.5 acres with one 30 x 70 foot steel building and several outbuildings, 40 foot office trailer and two buildings currently being used by an auto glass repair shop and an auto body repair shop. This steel building was the main production faculty on site.

1.1.2.1 Location

The site location is 660 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, Warren County, NJ 08865. There a single story steel building approximately 30" x 70" with three large storage tanks. The tanks are contained and a concrete dike. Other abandoned structures are located on the property, alone with a retail auto & home glass repair shop.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Since the removal action began on May 16th, 2011, approximately 100 55-gallon drums, 3000 -5-gallon containers and 200 laboratory sized containers have been identified in the building and on the surrounding property. Most of these containers are in poor condition. In addition, the contents of most are unknown. In addition to the containers being in poor condition, the deteriorated building they are located in acts to accelerate the deterioration. There are also three tanks located outside of the building and two inside the building containing unknown material. Materials identified include caustics, acids, ignitable.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

To date there have been 3,3000 various size containers, 100 55-gallon drums, 3000 -5-gallon containers and 200 laboratory sized containers have been identified in the building and on the surrounding property.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

On April 28th, 2011, the NJDEP responded to an abandoned property requested by the Phillipsburg fire department t to White Rox Chemical property in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. The fire department was on location to extinguish a brush fire that was started when lightning struck an telephone pole mounted transformer. NJDEP officials conducted an inspection at the Site. After their inspection, NJDEP Notified Ken's Marine and requested EPA Emergency Response division for assistance at the site. NJDEP directed Ken's Marine to identify and segregate all chemicals near the fire location only.

The Site was verbally referred to the EPA by the NJDEP on April 29th, 2011. There were no other removal actions prior to this date.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

At this time an owner/operator of the facility has been located. The property owner's attorney, has informed the EPA that the owner of the property, does have the fund to carry out the removal of all hazardous materials from the property. The attorney, has given written permission and access to the property to conduct a fund lead removal action.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
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Acids	liquid	700 gallons			
Corrosives	liquid	3000 gallons			

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

The purpose of this removal action is to eliminate the release of hazardous substances contained on the Site. The removal action documented herein was initiated on May 16, 2010. The scope of work includes the following:

- a. Securing any leaking containers on site.
- b. Search entire property including outbuildings and tree lines along the property lines for containers.
- c. pH all containers for proper storage and bulking.
- d. Proper containerization of chemicals
- e. Provide Site security when contractor is not on site.
- f. Transportation and disposal of all hazardous substances to approved off-site facilities
- g. Coordinating with State and local officials

The disposal of hazardous substances will be accomplished in compliance with the EPA Off-Site Rule. Upon completion of this removal action, there will be no need for any EPA post removal site controls.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.